Proposal for expansion of airports and airstrips in India

1602. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA :
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for expansion of airports and airstrips in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Upgradation/expansion and modernisation of airports is a continuing process and it taken up in a phased manner depending upon projected requirements and availability of resources. The list of airports proposed to be upgraded/developed is as follows :

1. International Airports : Calcutta, Delhi, Madras, Mum-bai and Trivandrum.
2. Model Airports : Bhubanesh-war, Calicut, Hyderabad, Imp-hal, Indore, Jaipur and Patna.
3. Airports of Tourist Interest : Amritsar, Aurangabad, Agra, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bag-dogra, Dabqlim, Guwahati, Jammu, Jodhpur, Leh, Port Blair, Shimla, Udaipur and Var-anasi.
4. Others : Agartala, Bhopal, Bhuj, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Jabalpur, Kargil, Lilabari (North Lakhimpur), Ludhiana, Porban-dar, Raipur, Silchar, Tezpur, Tirupati and Vijayawada.

Disruption in National airlines/services

1603. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state : _

(a) whether it is a fact that too much of trade-unionism has afflicted the National airlines services despite highly competitive and favourable wages and perks, and the airlines services have been too much disrupted to be dependable;

(b) what are the comparative wages and perks of pilots of the national airlines and those of privayte operators in India; and

(c) what steps are being taken to make the national air-services competitive and dependable?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Private airlines are not required to submit to the Government the details of wages and perks paid to their pilots. Hence comparison between the wages and perks paid to the pilots of national airlines and private operators, is not possible.

(c) Air India and Indian Airlines are taking steps to improve their product, image and on time performance.

Sources of revenue of Airport Authority of India

1604. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total revenue of Airport Authority of India form airports all over the country;

(b) what are the different sources of its revenue and the details of revenue for Airport Authority of India during the last three years source-wise; and

(c) what is the revenue from allotment of various public amenities licences like restaurants, parking facilities entrance fee and STD/ISD booths etc.?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a)

The total revenue of Airports Authority of India (AAI) during 1995-96 is Rs. 1003.33 crores (provisional).

(b) The different sources of revenue and the amount earned during the last three years are given below :

(Rs. in crores)

Souces of Revenue	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Route Navigation Facility charges	157.95	250.03	278.70
Landing, Parking & Housing Fees	202.81	253.61	284.38
Terminal Navigational Landing Charges	24.67	39.89	45.49
Cargo	56.70	73.82	124.50
Passenger Service Fees	41.47	78.23	85.27
Other Non Traffic Revenue	114.12	138.52	184.99

(c) The revenue earned from allotment of various public amenities during 1995-% is Rs. 21.61 crores (approx).

HCI Units suffering losses

1605. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether three units of the Hotel Corporation of India suffering losses as reported in Indian Express dated 4th May, 1996;

(b) if so, the factors responsible for such losses;

(c) whether the Hotel Corporation of India has submitted proposals to Government to bring loss suffered units out of red; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d): During 1995-96, Hotel Corporation of India made a net profit of Rs. 47 crores provisional). Three of its units, however, incurred losses—Centaur Lake View Hotel, Srinagar owing to the prevailing situation in the valley and the flight kitchens at Delhi and Mumbai due to increased market competition, reduction in sales, paucity of funds for upgradation and maintenance of equipments etc.

Hotel Corporation of India is taking steps to intensify marketing efforts and to upgrade product and services in order to improve the financial performance of the flight kitchens.

Proposal to Privatise the Tourism Industry

1606. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Wil1 the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to privatise the tourism industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?